

Space, Movement and the Economy in Roman Cities in Italy and Beyond

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This volume will be of interest to archaeologists and historians, both those studying the Greco-Roman world and those focusing on urban economic space in other periods and places as well as to other scholars studying pre-modern urbanism and urban economies.

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